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Docket Number (Optional)

Virtual-2

In re Application of W.J. Benman

Application Number 09/363,456 Filed 07/29/1999

For System and Method for Extracting images Without  
Monochromatic Background

Group Art Unit 2671

Examiner Cao, Huedung X

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the  
examiner dated, 11/21/2002, rejecting the following claims: 1,3-12 and 14-20

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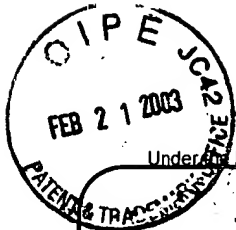
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First Named Inventor	W. Benman
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First Named Inventor	W. Benman	
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Total Claims	-20** =	X	
Independent Claims	-3** =	X	
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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
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1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,450	2254 725	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	160
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,300	2453 650	Petition to revive - unintentional	
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